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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I have an independent provider and i support allowing them to use the unbundled network elements (UNEs) that enable them to deploy equipment and provide our Phlo and Phiber services, and to backhaul gigabit fiber service. This allows competition, which I support...don't you?

To do away with this would increases the cost of internet and telephone services.

Access to broadband is critical to my life in every way. I have fiber today but previously connected with competitive DSL. I also have competitive phone service.

For these reasons I OPPOSE THE USTELECOM PETITION.

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